

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 117

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 63

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 117—Relative to the California Highway Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial Interchange.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 117, Achadjian. The California Highway Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial Interchanges.

This measure would designate the interchange at State Highway Route 101 and State Highway Route 46 East, and any subsequent interchange constructed to replace that interchange, in the City of Paso Robles as the California Highway Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial Interchange. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs, as specified.

WHEREAS, Officer Brett James Oswald was born February 21, 1962, to his parents Richard and Linda Oswald, in San Rafael, California; and

WHEREAS, Officer Oswald graduated from Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, Oregon in 1980, received his associates degree from Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas in 1991, and furthered his education by completing courses at Rio Hondo Community College in Whittier, California, and Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo, California; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the California Highway Patrol, Officer Oswald held several jobs, including film development, fabricating counter tops, custodial work for a local junior high school, military service, and even assisting with his family's business; and

WHEREAS, Officer Oswald could not have been happier in marrying his best friend, Marlena Palazzo, on July 19, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Officer Oswald, badge number 13164, graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy in 1990 as a flight officer, and was assigned to the Santa Fe Springs Area Office; and

WHEREAS, Officer Oswald subsequently served as a traffic officer in the King City Area Office, a flight officer in the Paso Robles Coastal Division Air Operations Office, and a traffic officer in the Templeton Area Office; and

WHEREAS, Officer Oswald proudly served a total of 20 years and one month as a California Highway Patrol Officer; and

WHEREAS, Officer Oswald was killed in the line of duty on June 27, 2010, in Paso Robles, California, when he was struck by a vehicle while

waiting for a tow truck on the side of the road. He responded to a report that a vehicle had hit a tree on South River Road in Paso Robles. After investigating, Officer Oswald determined that no accident had occurred and that the vehicle was abandoned. He called for a tow truck and was waiting next to his patrol car, when a passing vehicle crossed the double yellow lines and struck the patrol car. The force of the impact pushed the patrol car into him; and

WHEREAS, Officer Oswald was transported to a local hospital where he later died from his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Officer Oswald was a hard working, dedicated officer who loved his job and enjoyed his colleagues. He was known as a loyal family man who loved his wife dearly. Officer Oswald had an incredible sense of humor and zest for life. He was always smiling and happy, and saw the beauty in everything; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, Officer Oswald enjoyed reading, photography, making people laugh, working on his property, and a good cigar from time to time. Above all else, Officer Oswald enjoyed spending time with his family; and

WHEREAS, Officer Oswald is survived by his loving wife, Marlana, his mother, Linda, father, Richard, sisters, Tricia and Trinda, brother-in-law, Ricky, nephew, Christopher, and nieces, Kelly and Kerri; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Oswald's great contributions and sacrifice in serving the California Highway Patrol and the citizens of California, it would be a fitting tribute to designate the interchange at State Highway Route 101 and State Highway Route 46 East, and any subsequent interchange constructed to replace that interchange, in the City of Paso Robles as the California Highway Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial Interchange; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the interchange at State Highway Route 101 and State Highway Route 46 East, and any subsequent interchange constructed to replace that interchange, in the City of Paso Robles as the California Highway Patrol Officer Brett J. Oswald Memorial Interchange; and be it further

Resolved, That the Department of Transportation is requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs. If a new interchange is constructed to replace that interchange, the department is requested to determine any additional costs to relocate or replace those signs and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the costs, to relocate or replace those signs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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